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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE VICE MINISTER VISITS MALI

1. HOANG VAN TIEN, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ARRIVED IN BAMAKO JULY 21 FROM CONAKRY. HOANG CARRIED A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TRAORE FROM HIS (UNNAMED) VIETNAMESE COUNTER-PART WITH THE STATED PURPOSE (ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR) OF BEGINNING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON REINFORCING VIETNAMESE-MALIAN RELATIONS. HOANG WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY FOUR OTHERS. THEY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE AMBASSADORS OF GUINEA, CUBA, ALGERIA AND KOREA. THE RUSSIANS AND CHINESE WERE EVIDENTLY ABSENT. THE VIETNAMESE LEFT JULY 24.

2. THE L'ESSOR ACCOUNT INCLUDED THE USUAL PROPAGANDA TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US HAD VIOLATED THE GENEVA ACCORDS OF 1954, ETC.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD DCM THAT HOANG HAD THREE ITEMS TO DISCUSS: EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR MALIAN SUPPORT DURING WAR; REQUEST FOR MALIAN HELP IN ENTERING UN; AND COORDINATION OF POSITIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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